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NEW YORK--~~PREMIER CASTRO MAY BE PLOTTING A FAKE INVASION OF CUBA AS~~
AN EXCUSE TO "LIQUIDATE" THE IMPRISONED LEADERS OF THE UNSUCCESSFUL
APRIL 17 DAY OF PIGS ATTACK, EXILE LEADERS SAID TODAY.

THEY SAID THEY WERE WARNED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN INTRIGUE
BY FRIENDLY LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN SECRET DISPATCHES FROM HAVANA.
CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSE MIRO CARDONA SAID ONE
SUCH SOURCE QUOTED CASTRO PERSONALLY AS SAYING THERE WOULD BE AN
"INVASION" OF CUBA "WITHIN 10 DAYS FROM THREE PLACES."

MIRO SAID IT WAS WELL KNOWN THAT EXILES WERE NOT PRESENTLY IN A
POSITION FOR AN "IMMEDIATE" ATTACK ON CASTRO. HE POINTED OUT THAT
SIX GOVERNMENTS ACCUSED THIS WEEK BY CASTRO OF TRAINING INVASION TROOPS
HAD DENIED THE ALLEGATIONS.

"IT WOULD BE LIKE CASTRO TO FAKE AN INVASION TO ENABLE HIM TO FIX
A PRETEXT TO LIQUIDATE THE MEN WHO LED THE APRIL 17 ATTACK WHOSE
LIVES HE IS NOW OBLIGED TO RESPECT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW RELATING
TO PRISONERS OF WAR," MIRO SAID.

MIRO SAID ALSO THAT A FAKE ATTACK WOULD GIVE CASTRO AN OPPORTUNITY
TO "DIVERT" PEOPLE'S MINDS FROM DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND ALSO SPUR
CRUMBLING MORALE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

INFORMED SOURCES IN WASHINGTON SAID ANY ROGUS INVASION STAGED BY
CASTRO PROBABLY WOULD BE INTENDED MAINLY TO DISTRACT NATIONAL ATTENTION
FROM THE PROBLEMS OF CUBA'S SHORTAGE-PLAGUED ECONOMY.